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SUBJ: ECHEVERRIA CHARTER IN UN

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT HE

WAS LEAVING FOR NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 28 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN THE UN ABOUT THE ECHEVERRIA CHARTER. RABASA SAID HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PERSUE THIS MATTER VIGOROUSLY. HE ADDED THAT ECHEVERRIA WAS NOT PLEASED WITH HIS CONCLUSION THAT ONLY SPADEWORK COULD BE DONE DURING THIS SESSION OF THE UNGA AND THAT NO THAT NO CONCLUSIVE ACTION COULD BE EXPECTED UNTIL THE 1984 UNGA. IN THE INTERIM, RABASA BELIEVED ADDITIONAL TALKS WERE REQUIRED IN THE GENEVA GROUP. HE NOTED THAT THE PRESENT DRAFT WAS NOT COMPLETE AND THAT IN IT CERTAIN ALTERNATIVES WERE PROPOSED WHICH MUST BE DISCUSSED AND THE LOSERS ELIMINATED.

2. RAOASA ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO VOTE ON THE ECHEVERRIA CHARTER THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE POSITIONS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS NOT FULLY EXPLORED YET.

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HE NOTED A MAJORITY COULD EASILY BE OBTAINED FOR THIS

DOCUMENT FROM THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BUT THAT THIS WOULD BE MEANINGLESS SINCE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE US, THE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES AND JAPAN WAS ESSENTIAL TO MAKE THE PLAN A SUCCESS. HE SAID THERE WOULD LIKEWISE PROBABLY NOT BE ANY DEOATE ON THE CHARTER THIS YEAR FOR THE SAME REASON, I.E., THAT MEANINGFUL ACTION WAS NOT YET POSSIBLE. RABASA ADDED THAT WHILE HE WAS CONVINCED THAT HIS ANALYSIS WAS REALISTIC, HE HAD HAD A DIFFICULT TIME PERSUADING THE PRESIDENT THAT ACTION WAS IMPOSSIBLE

THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: I AGREE THAT, SEEN FROM HERE, RABASA SEEMS TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION INsofar AS THE CHARTER IS CONCERNED. HE CAN OF COURSE BE EXPECTED TO PURSUE THE MATTER VIGOROUSLY IN NEW YORK BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE HE IS UNDER FROM HIS BOSS. I AM SURE HE WILL SEEK AMBASSADOR SCALI FOR FURTHER TALKS ON THIS QUESTION AND WILL ASK HIS VIEWS ON THE TACTICAL SITUATION IN NEW YORK. I MERELY TOLD HIM YESTERDAY THAT HIS VIEWS SEEMED REALISTIC TO ME BUT THAT HE WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO RELY ON OUR DELEGATION IN NEW YORK FOR AN APPRAISAL IN DETAIL OF HOW THE CHARTER IS CONSIDERED AND HOE IT IS PROGRESSING IN THE UN.

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